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the articles in book form could not have been withheld at least until all the articles upon this important subject could have been included.

It is needless to say perhaps that the value of this volume as a working tool would have been much enhanced by the addition of an index and a table of cases.

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HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF INSURANCE. By William Reynolds Vance, Professor of Law in the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. St. Paul: West Publishing Company, 1904. pp. xiv, 683.

This volume is a recent addition to the well-known Hornbook series. It is an elaboration of the author's work of several years in teaching the law of insurance at Washington and Lee University. It is designed primarily for students and is prepared and arranged on lines adapted to the requirements of students rather than to those of practitioners.

The object of the author has not been to prepare an exhaustive treatise on the law of insurance but, as he declares in the preface, "to give a consistent statement of logically developed principles that underlie all contracts of insurance." No one would reasonably pretend to undertake more in a volume limited in plan and compass to correspond to companion volumes of the Hornbook Series, nor could any one reasonably expect more than the author has embodied in six hundred pages of text and notes. The limitations under which the author prepared his work—limitations of matter, scope and plan—necessarily made demands upon him of careful selection of matter and prudent rejection of whatever was unsuitable to the character of the work undertaken, conciseness of statement and discriminating elimination of a multitude of cases. The author has met these demands with ability and good judgment and, because he has done these things, he may feel well assured that the result of his labors will be useful to the practitioner as well as to the student and that he has "contributed something" toward elucidating the law of insurance, something to aid the student in his studies and something to lessen the labor of the practitioner.

After a careful examination of "Vance on the Law of Insurance" and after applying the best test the practitioner can apply—actual test of its merits in actual cases—the writer commends it to students and practitioners of the law.

One feature of the book merits special mention and that is the prominence given to leading cases by printing them in bold-faced type—thus enabling student and practitioner to tell by a glance at the notes what are the important cases on the particular phase of the subject under consideration. The writer is sure that this feature will lighten the work of student and practitioner in any special investigation he may have occasion to make.

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THE LAW AND PRACTICE IN BANKRUPTCY UNDER THE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT OF 1898. By Wm. Miller Collier. Fifth and Revised Edition, With Amendments and Decisions to Date by Frank B. Gilbert. Albany: Matthew Bender & Company, 1905. pp. xlvii, 1038.

The first two editions of this work were edited by William Miller Collier and it has been the standard authority since the enactment of the present bankruptcy law.